C-Dot Exchanges in the Country

1942. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what were the State-wise targets fixed for opening C-Dot exchanges during the last three years; and

(b) what are the reasons for not achieving the targets and what efforts are being made to achieve the target in future?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) State-wise targets together with achievements for the last three years are shown in Annexure.

(See Appendix CLXIV, Annexure No 36)

(b) (i) Supply of C-DOT exchanges during 1989-90 was below the target set for 89-90 supply.

(ii) Overall target was achieved during 1990-91 and 1991-92.

(iii) The procurement of small capacity C-DOT exchanges has been decentralised to achieve the target in future.

Faulty Telephone Directories

1943. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that telephone directories for District Towns is generally defective carrying wrong names and wrong numbers; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to make the town directories upto the mark?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir. The telephone directories are not generally defective. A very small percentage of mistakes do occur due to areas transfers and compilation being not up to date on the date of release.

(b) Computerisation of directory listings has been taken up.

Non-functioning of TACs for Panaji and Goa

1944. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of non-fuctioning of two T.A.Cs constituted for Panaji and Goa on the 7th January, 1992 till date;

(b) whether it is a fact that no telephone connections have been alloted to its subscribers as per the Ministry's order so far;

(c) what are the reasons for this delay of seven months; and

(d) whether in the view of this inordinate delay Government would issue fresh orders, or in the absence of it, extend the lives of T.A.Cs to two years from the day these started functioning?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Sir, two separate T.A.Cs, one for Panaji as a minor district and another for Goa State were constituted in December '91. The jurisdiction of both these T.A.C.s was coterminous The Two T.A.C.s are being merged and a single T.A.C. for Panaji and Goa will come into effect.

(b) Members of the previous T.A.C which functioned during the period 1988-90 were given 5 per cent quota for TAC Members for out of turn release of connections.

For 1992, the 5 per cent quota for TAC Members has been kept reserved which will be released as soon as the TAC is finalised.